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Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi :—" May I ask whether the information published by the Mirasidars' and Land-owners' Association in their journal that water was let down only on the morning of the 22nd July 1935 is wrong? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" If *The Mirasidar* made that statement, I am afraid it was misinformed."

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi :—" Does the Hon. Member mean that such a responsible journal as that of the Mirasidars and Land-owners made such a misstatement of facts? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I understand that water was let down as stated here. Then there was an interval and again water was let down afterwards."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know whether water from the Mettur dam was let down on 12th June 1935 to all the lands which are supposed to be irrigated in the Tanjore district? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I want notice of that."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" When letting down or stopping water, may I ask, Sir, whether the requirements of the Tanjore district alone were taken into consideration and not those of the Trichinopoly and Salem districts? "

*Failure of the guaranteed quantity of water-supply to Tanjore.*

* 331 *Q.*—Mr. V. Nadimuthu Pillai : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received representations from the mirasidars of the Tanjore district complaining about the inadequate supply of water and the consequent loss of kuruvai seedlings;

(*b*) whether any enquiry has been made in respect of such complaints;

(*c*) whether the Government intend taking any action thereupon to avoid such recurrence in future;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the guaranteed supply of water has not been given from the 15th of July to the mirasidars in the Tanjore district; and if so, why; and

(*e*) whether complaints have been received about the same and, if so, what action the Government propose to take thereon?

*A.*—(*a*) *to* (*e*) Yes. A copy of the reply [a] sent to the Tanjore District Delta Mirasidars' and Landowners' Association is placed on the table.

*Irregular and inadequate supply of water to the old deltaic area in Tanjore.*

* 332 *Q.*—Mr. G. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received from the mirasidars of Tanjore district, complaining about the inadequate and

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 322–323 infra.

irregular supply of water for cultivation during the months of June and July and the consequent loss of kuruvai seedlings and whether any enquiry has been made in respect of such complaints;

(*b*) the cause of such inadequate and irregular supply of water when the ryots of Tanjore have been assured by the Government of steady and regular supply of water for cultivation after the construction of the Mettur Dam; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that even the available water in the Cauvery has been let down in the Mettur Project canals in the new project area of the Tanjore district to the detriment of the old deltaic area in the district; if so, the reasons for the same?

*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the Hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 331.

(*c*) No.

*Inadequate and irregular supply of water to Tanjore.*

* 333 *Q.*—Mr. K. S. SIVASUBRAHMANYA AYYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the guaranteed supply of water has not been given from the 15th of July to the mirasidars in the Tanjore district;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reasons for the same;

(*c*) whether any representations have been received from the mirasidars of the Tanjore district complaining about the inadequate supply of water and the consequent loss of kuruvai seedlings;

(*d*) whether any enquiry has been made in respect of such complaints; and

(*e*) if the answer to clauses (*c*) and (*d*) be in the affirmative, what steps the Government propose to take to prevent a recurrence in the future?

*A.*—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 331.

*Complaints against the raising of the sill-levels in the feeder channels in the Tanjore district.*

* 334 *Q.*—Mr. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received complaints about the raising of the sill-levels in the feeder channels in the Tanjore district consequent upon the remodelling system; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken in the said matter?

*A.*—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An extract from the report of the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) on the subject is placed on the table of the House.[a] The Government do not consider that any further action is called for in the matter.

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 324 infra.